PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3753

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroyuki SEKINE Group Art Unit: 3753

Application No.: 10/589,965 Examiner: A. ROST

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For: FLUID SUPPLY DEVICE AND FUEL CELL SYSTEM WITH THE SAME

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the August 26, 2010 Office Action, and in consideration of the October 28, 2010 telephone interview with Examiners Rost and Hepperle, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 12 and 13 are pending in this application. The Office Action, in paragraph 6, rejects claims 1, 4, 5, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,733,441 to Ko et al. (hereinafter "Ko") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,946,078 to Morimoto et al. (hereinafter "Morimoto"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiners Hepperle and Rost during the October 28 telephone interview. Applicant's summary of the substance of the telephone interview is contained in the following remarks.